

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN BILL TASH**, on January 27, 2003 at 3 P.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Bill Tash, Chairman (R)
Sen. Aubyn Curtiss, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Sherm Anderson (R)
Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)
Sen. Jon Ellingson (D)
Sen. Rick Laible (R)
Sen. Bea McCarthy (D)
Sen. Dan McGee (R)
Sen. Gary L. Perry (R)
Sen. Glenn Roush (D)
Sen. Debbie Shea (D)
Sen. Ken Toole (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Shirley Herrin, Committee Secretary
Krista Lee Evans, Legislative Branch

Please Note:

Video-taped Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. A video-taped recording of the meeting is available from the Montana Historical Society.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 233, 1/23/2003; HB 83,
1/23/2003; SJ 9, 1/23/2003
Executive Action: SJ 9, HB 83

HEARING ON SJ 9

Sponsor: SENATOR LINDA NELSON, SD 49,

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

3:09 SENATOR LINDA NELSON, opened on SJ 9 - "Urge minimum level for Fort Peck Lake".

Proponents' Testimony:

3:10 Diane Brandt, President, Walleyes Unlimited
EXHIBIT (nas17a01)
3:14 Alton Smith, Mon-Dak Marine **EXHIBIT (nas17a02)**
3:16 Betty Stone, Cottonwood Inn, Glasgow **EXHIBIT (nas17a03)**
3:19 Dan Smith, Alpine Trading Inc.
3:25 SENATOR SAM KITZENBERG, SD 48, Glasgow
3:28 Bob Gilbert, Walleyes Unlimited of MT, Rock Creek Cabin Assoc.
3:30 Larry Peterman, Chief of Operations, MT FWP
EXHIBIT (nas17a04)
3:34 Jack Stults, DNRC - Water
3:36 Bob Raney, Livingston, MT State Parks

An amendment was presented SJ00901.akl **EXHIBIT (nas17a05)**

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

3:39 SENATOR MC CARTHY questioned Jack Stults
3:40 SENATOR CURTISS questioned Larry Peterman
3:42 SENATOR BARKUS threw out an open question -
Jack Stults responded.
3:44 SENATOR TASH questioned Jack Stults

Closing by Sponsor:

3:46 SENATOR NELSON closed on SJ 9.

HEARING ON HB 83

Sponsor: REPRESENTATIVE JIM PETERSON, HD 94, Buffalo

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

3:48 REP. JIM PETERSON opened on HB 83 - "Revise well log filing statute".

Proponents' Testimony:

3:50 Jack Stults, DNRC, Water **EXHIBIT**(nas17a06)

3:53 Tom Patton, MT Bureau of Mines & Geology
EXHIBIT(nas17a07)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

3:56 SENATOR LAIBLE questioned Jack Stults

Closing by Sponsor:

3:58 **REP. PETERSON** closed on HB 83.

HEARING ON SB 233

Sponsor: SENATOR JOHN COBB, HD 25, Augusta

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

4:00 **SENATOR COBB** opened on HB 233 "Clarify tax credit for geothermal system".

Proponents' Testimony:

4:04 John Arrigo, MT DEQ **EXHIBIT**(nas17a08)
A possible amendment was submitted SB023301.ak1
EXHIBIT(nas17a09)

Opponents' Testimony:

4:12 Dexter Busby, Montana Refining, Great Falls
4:13 Gail Abercrombie, MT Petroleum Assoc.
4:15 Don Allen, Western Environmental Trade Assoc.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

4:18 SENATOR TOOLE questioned SENATOR COBB.

Closing by Sponsor:

4:19 **SENATOR COBB** closed on SB 233.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 9

Motion/Vote: SEN. MCCARTHY moved that SJ 9 DO PASS. SEN.

ELLINGSON moved the amendment. Motion **carried unanimously.**

Motion/Vote: SEN. CURTISS moved that SJ 9 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Motion **carried unanimously.**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 83

Motion/Vote: SEN. MCGEE moved that HB 83 DO PASS. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:25 P.M.

SEN. BILL TASH, Chairman

SHIRLEY HERRIN, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (nas17aad)